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The Embassy of the United States of America in Doha is pleased to announce that President George W. Bush has nominated Joseph Evan LeBaron as the new U.S. Ambassador to the State of Qatar.

A career diplomat, LeBaron began his diplomatic career in Doha in 1980. From 2003 to 2006, he was the U.S. Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. He also has served as the U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission in Manama, and as U.S. Consul General in Dubai.

LeBaron holds a Ph.D. in Near Eastern Studies from Princeton University. LeBaron, a fluent Arabic speaker, also has studied at the American University of Beirut and the University of Khartoum.

Ambassador-designate LeBaron must now be confirmed by the U.S. Senate before taking his new post in Doha.

